



**CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 06/2022)**

Project Information

Project Name: Upgrade of Irrigation Systems on SR 56

DIST-CO-RTE: 11-SD-56

PM: 1.3/6.6

EA/PID: 11-3A819/PID 1124000277

Federal-Aid Project Number: N/A

Project Description

Caltrans will upgrade an existing Irrigation System with Calsense Controllers (ICC) and install new remote-control valve (RCV) covers off of SR 56 along post miles 1.3 to 6.6. Upgrading the ICC does not require excavation, only work inside the existing cabinet, which is 2.5 feet above ground. Installation of the new RCV covers involves a minimum excavation of two feet for installation of new master valves, flow sensors, and small pieces of pipe on each location. There will be no new grading, vegetation removal, staging construction, stockpiling areas, or haul roads, and soil disturbance will be minimal on this project. Only small tools such as shovels will be used, and there may be trucks used to transport tools. All work will be on the paved travel way within Caltrans right-of-way. Environmental commitments for visual resources, air quality, and hazardous waste/materials are included in the Environmental Commitments record (ECR).

Caltrans CEQA Determination

- Not Applicable** – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency
- Not Applicable** – Caltrans has prepared an IS or EIR under CEQA

Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the project is:

- Exempt by Statute.** (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)
- Categorically Exempt. Class 1** (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)
 - No exceptions apply that would bar the use of a categorical exemption (PRC 21084 and 14 CCR 15300.2). See the [SER Chapter 34](#) for exceptions.
- Covered by the Common Sense Exemption.** This project does not fall within an exempt class, but it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment (14 CCR 15061[b][3].)

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Mitch Doucette	<i>Mitchell Doucette</i>	12/11/2024
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Michael Gallagher		12/11/2024
Print Name	Signature	Date



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Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

[X] Not Applicable

Caltrans has determined that this project has no significant impacts on the environment as defined by NEPA, and that there are no unusual circumstances as described in 23 CFR 771.117(b). See SER Chapter 30 for unusual circumstances. As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an EA or EIS under NEPA and is included under the following:

[] 23 USC 326: Caltrans has been assigned, and hereby certifies that it has carried out the responsibility to make this determination pursuant to 23 USC 326 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated April 18, 2022, executed between FHWA and Caltrans. Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under:

[] 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)()

[] 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)()

[] Activity listed in Appendix A of the MOU between FHWA and Caltrans

[] 23 USC 327: Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under 23 USC 327. The environmental review, consultation, and any other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by Caltrans pursuant to 23 USC 327 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated May 27, 2022, and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

N/A

Print Name

Signature

Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

N/A

Print Name

Signature

Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): N/A

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 12/11/2024